

## **OPPOSITION TO BILL #6173**

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Chad Laplante and I am co-owner of Yankee Peddler and Pawn New London and I oppose bill # 6173. Certain parts of this bill we, (most stores in Ct) already do such as; electronic record keeping which we file with our local police every seven days, and from there it goes to NESPIN, which is a state accessible database. I think this is a good system and has been proven to work. Everyone who buys second hand goods and jewelry should have to do this, but it isn't the case.

The cost to our business and the state would be excessive, to change the system that already works. An example would be the extra staff that pawnshops would have to hire in order to take pictures and file all items. The state would also need more staff in order to process thousands of itemized lists that pawn shops would be sending through the internet every ten days. Sending this information through the internet could possibly end up in the wrong hands with our customer's information.

This billed is aimed at Pawnbrokers but there are many other businesses that also deal in the same merchandise with a lot less regulations, that aren't pawnbrokers.

Thank you for your time.

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